

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture for use in a data processing system for updating an application program for execution by a particular user on a local data processing system, said data processing system comprising the local data processing system and a remote data processing system, said article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable storage medium having a computer program embodied in said medium which causes the data processing system to execute the method steps comprising:

defining a user configuration of the application program corresponding to the particular user of the application program, the user configuration describing an item from which the application program may be built;

determining that the user configuration corresponds to the particular user;

determining if the item ~~any items~~ described in the user configuration ~~have~~ has been updated producing an updated item;

retrieving ~~an~~ the updated item if the item has been updated; and

building the application program with the updated item.

2. (Previously Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the computer program embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method steps comprising:

encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file;

authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the application program;

decrypting the manifest file to produce a decrypted user configuration in response to the user authentication;

determining if any items described in the decrypted user configuration have been updated;

retrieving an updated item if the item has been updated; and

building the application program with the updated item.

3. (Previously Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the computer program embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method steps comprising:

encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file stored on the remote data processing system;

downloading the manifest file from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system;

decrypting the downloaded manifest file to produce a downloaded user configuration in response to a user authentication;

determining if any items described in the downloaded user configuration have been updated; and

retrieving an updated item from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the downloaded user configuration if the item has been updated.

4. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 3 wherein the computer program embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method step comprising:

downloading data from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the decrypted user configuration.

B 5. (Previously Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 4 wherein the computer program embodied in said medium causes the data processing system to execute the additional method steps comprising:

authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the application program; and

responsive to the user authentication, downloading data from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the stored user configuration.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for use in a data processing system for updating an application program for execution by a particular user on a local data processing system, said data processing system comprising the local data processing system and a remote data processing system, said method comprising:

defining a user configuration of the application program corresponding to the particular user of the application program, the user configuration describing an item from which the application program may be built;

determining that the user configuration corresponds to the particular user;

determining if the item ~~any items~~ described in the user configuration ~~have~~ has been updated: producing an updated item;

retrieving ~~an~~ the updated item if the item has been updated; and

building the application program with the updated item.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file;

authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the application program;

decrypting the manifest file to produce a decrypted user configuration in response to the user authentication;

determining if any items described in the decrypted user configuration have been updated;

retrieving an updated item if the item has been updated; and

building the application program with the updated item.

8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file stored on the remote data processing system;

downloading the manifest file from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system;

decrypting the downloaded manifest file to produce a downloaded user configuration in response to a user authentication;

determining if any items described in the downloaded user configuration have been updated; and

retrieving an updated item from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the downloaded user configuration if the item has been updated.

9. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

downloading data from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the decrypted user configuration.

10. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9 further comprising:

authenticating the particular user in response to the particular user requesting the application program; and

responsive to the user authentication, downloading data from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the stored user configuration.



11. (Currently Amended) A computer system for updating an application program for execution by a particular user on a local data processing system, said computer system comprising the local data processing system and a remote data processing system, said computer system comprising:

31 a user configuration of the application program corresponding to the particular user of the application program, the user configuration describing an item from which the application program may be built;

a determination that the user configuration corresponds to the particular user;

a determination if the item ~~any items~~ described in the user configuration ~~have~~ has been updated ~~producing an updated item;~~

a retrieval of ~~an~~ the updated item if the item has been updated; and

an application builder for building the application program with the updated item.

12. (Previously Amended) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising:

an encryptor for encrypting and storing the user configuration in a manifest file;

an authentication of the particular user in response to the particular user

requesting the application program;

a decryptor for decrypting the manifest file to produce a decrypted user

configuration in response to the user authentication;

a determination if any items described in the decrypted user configuration have been updated;

a retrieval of an updated item if the item has been updated; and

an application builder for building the application program with the updated item.

13. (Previously Amended) The computer system of claim 11 further comprising:

a manifest file stored on the remote data processing system comprising an encrypted and stored user configuration;

a downloaded manifest file comprising the manifest file downloaded from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system;

a downloaded user configuration produced from decrypting the downloaded manifest file in response to a user authentication;

a determination if any items described in the downloaded user configuration have been updated; and

an updated item retrieved from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the downloaded user configuration if the item has been updated.

14. (Original) The computer system of claim 13 further comprising:

downloaded data downloaded from the remote data processing system to the local data processing system according to the decrypted user configuration.

15. (Previously Amended) The computer system of claim 14 further comprising:

an authentication of the particular user in response to the particular user

requesting the application program; and

downloaded data downloaded from the remote data processing system to the local

data processing system according to the stored user configuration responsive to the user

authentication.

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